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FORMER TEACHER SENTENCED ON POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis - Jason T. Krockenberger, 36, Brownsburg, Indiana, was sentenced to 80 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to Possession of Child Pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by the Brownsburg Police Department and United States Postal Inspection Service.

On June 10, 2009, Krockenberger dropped off his computer to a repair shop. When the shop attempted to cleanse Krockenberger's computer of viruses on June 18, 2009, the assigned repairperson scanned all of the image and video file names and discovered child pornography. The company alerted the Brownsburg Police Department, and a search warrant was obtained that same day.

After procuring the search warrant, an immediate computer forensic preview revealed a large amount of child pornography, including sixteen (16) video files. Krockenberger was interviewed and admitted to having sought out, downloaded and saved a large collection of child pornography. Among the many files of child pornography possessed by Krockenberger on his computer - in excess of 600 images, including at least sixteen (16) video files - were files that depicted minor females less than twelve (12) years of age being subjected to sadomasochistic activities.

Krockenberger was employed as an Earth Sciences teacher at Pike High School until his arrest. He was dismissed from his employment and his teaching certificate has been revoked.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed lifetime years supervised release following Krockenberger's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Krockenberger must comply with sex offender counseling and sex offender registration requirements. Krockenberger was fined in the amount of \$1000, and ordered to pay \$1000 restitution to one of

the victims portrayed in his child pornography collection.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

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